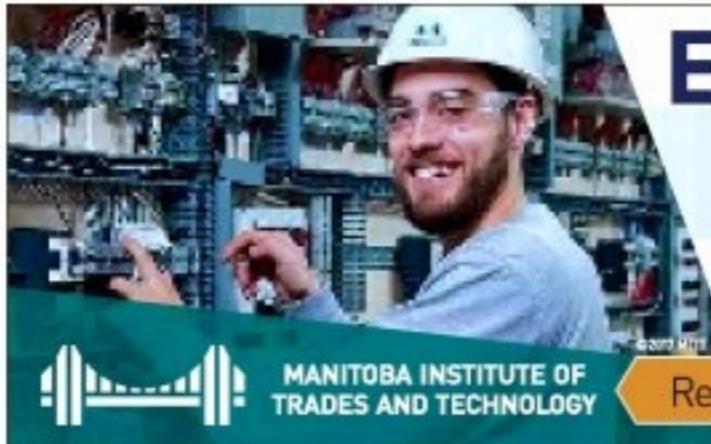




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'He was in the wrong place at the wrong time'

CRIME

Winnipeg cabbie wounded by shots fired at his taxi



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For Metro|Winnipeg

A longtime cab driver in Winnipeg says he's never surprised when he hears that a fellow driver has fallen victim to crime while on the job.

Gord, who asked that his last name not be used, says he's been driving cabs since 1976.

On Sunday afternoon, he told Metro he heard through the grapevine that a driver had been shot earlier that morning in the northeast part of the city.

"There are creeps everywhere," the 65-year-old said from inside a cab parked downtown. "I myself have been a victim. Three years ago, I was robbed of money and my ID late at night. The police caught the creeps later when they tried to use my money at a vendor."

Unicity Taxi president Gurmail Mangat said a part-time driver, a young man

who is not originally from Canada, picked up three passengers — a woman and two men — from an Edison Avenue address on Sunday around 6 a.m.

He was told to drive them to the Superstore parking lot at Munroe and Gateway.

"When they got there, these people told the driver they did not see who it was they were looking for, so asked if he would instead take them downtown," Mangat said Sunday afternoon. "As they waited at a red light at Munroe and Gateway, a car came out of nowhere and blocked them, and then there were gunshots."

Mangat said the three passengers in the backseat ducked while the driver took a bullet in the shoulder.

He said the trio bolted from the vehicle and the injured driver took off, eventually parking on Main Street in front of the Bell Hotel where he waited for police.

Winnipeg police took to Twitter around 7 a.m., to say that officers were responding to a "serious incident" in the area, but have released no other information.

Officers had taped off the intersection at Gateway Road and Munroe Avenue around 7 a.m., but it has since reopened.

A car came out of nowhere and blocked them, and then there were gunshots.

Gurmail Mangat

Police did not respond to Metro's request for comment by press time.

Mangat said the taxi driver was treated and questioned by police and eventually went home, where he is currently recovering from a "minor wound."

"He was pretty scared, which is understandable," Mangat said. "I don't think that this was a targeted incident because of the driver's ethnicity. I understand that's what we could all think with everything that's been going on with the shootings in Quebec, but this seems to be a case where he was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Michael Diamond, spokesperson for the Winnipeg Taxi Alliance, says they hope for a full and quick recovery for the driver.



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ANDREA GIESBRECHT

Judge to rule on concealed baby case

A judge in Manitoba is to give his decision Monday in the case of a woman charged with disposing of the remains of six infants in a storage locker.

The Crown has painted Andrea Giesbrecht as a woman who took great pains to hide the remains and her pregnancies, while the defence has argued that she was saving the bodies — not disposing of them.

Giesbrecht pleaded not guilty to six counts of disposing of a body of a dead child with intent to conceal the delivery. The offence under Section 243 of the Criminal Code carries a jail term of up to two years.

The verdict by provincial court Judge Murray Thompson is to be live-streamed from the Winnipeg courthouse by media outlets.

Giesbrecht, 42, was arrested in October 2014 after employees at a U-Haul storage facility alerted police. Officers found the remains in garbage bags and other containers inside a locker she had rented.

Medical experts testified at her trial that DNA linked the infants to Giesbrecht and her husband. They said the babies were at or near full term and were probably born alive, but were so badly decomposed it was impossible to say for sure.

The trial also heard that Giesbrecht, a mother of two, had 10 legal abortions between 1994 and 2011, as well as a miscarriage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refugee resettlement process under scrutiny

IMMIGRATION

Report calls on province to revive rent supplements

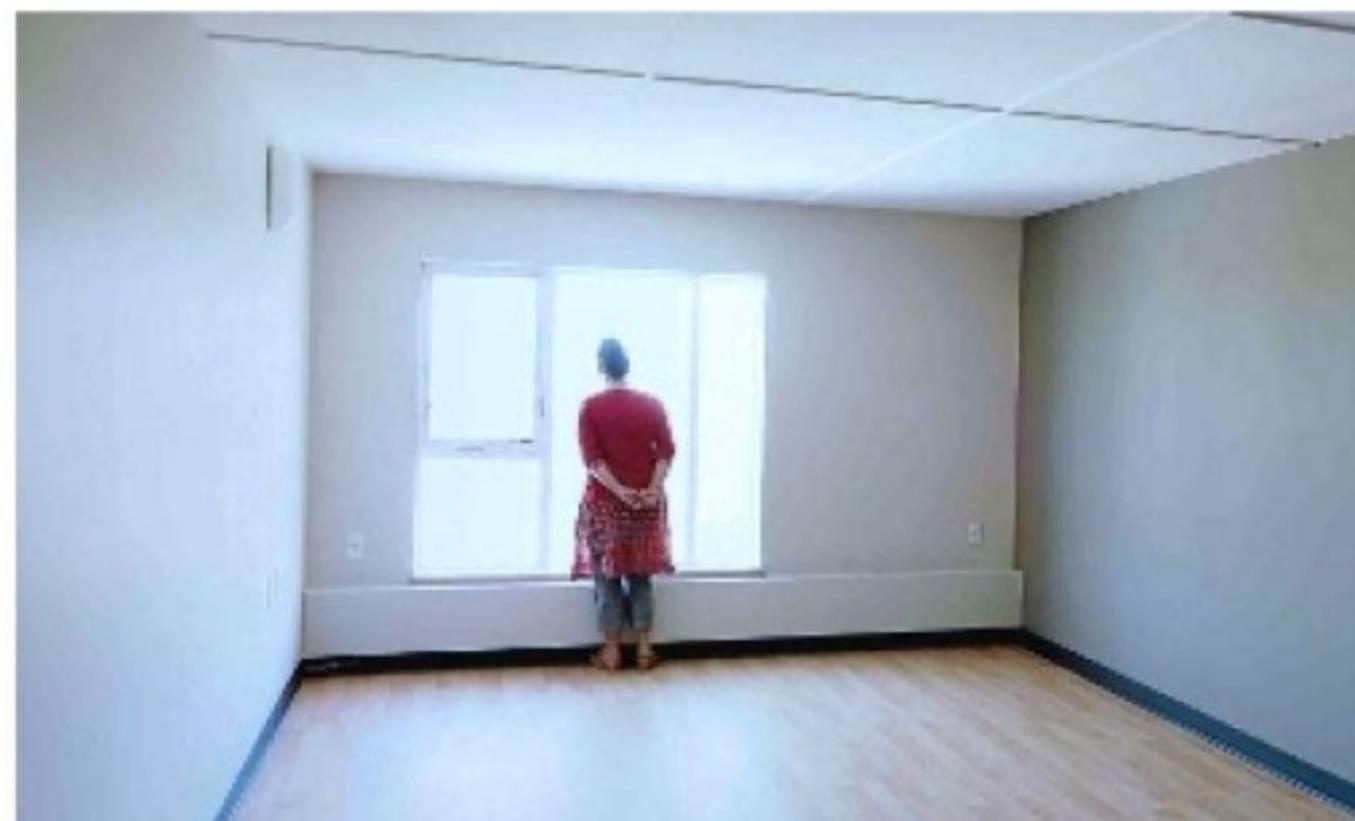


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For Metro | Winnipeg

Local refugee resettlement agencies are calling for more housing support from the provincial government.

A Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba report released in January recommends the provincial and federal governments restore rent supplements for resettled refugees to support long-term housing options.

According to the report, Syrian government-assisted refugees had access to rent supplements from Manitoba Housing under the former provincial NDP government. Hani Al-Ubeady, one of the re-



Executive director Dorota Blumczynska of IRCOM looks at the view for a seventh floor apartment in Winnipeg in September 2016. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

port's authors, said the new Progressive Conservative government put the program on pause, a move he says creates "hiccups" in the refugee settlement process.

"It's very expensive to afford to rent a place," Al-Ubeady told Metro. "Not having a place to live makes it difficult to start your life."

He stressed that access to safe, affordable housing allows newcomers to actively participate in society.

"I think we need to start thinking about housing newcomers as an investment in human capital toward the future. It is essential. Without adequate housing, we cannot expect people to healthily integrate. It cripples us. We have

to all stand together as a society and figure out how to best help in this kind of situation."

Rita Chahal, the executive director of the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (MIIC), agrees. The MIIC runs Welcome Place, a settlement agency that helps refugees find housing and supports in Winnipeg.

She said the rent supplement program that existed under the provincial NDPs is no longer available to the people Welcome Place helps, something that drastically impacts

FINDINGS

The CCPA report directly calls on the federal and provincial governments to focus on:

- Increasing the temporary/transitional housing capacity of refugee-serving organizations.

- Restoring rent supplements for resettled refugees' long-term housing options.

- Prioritizing the hiring and retention of skilled workers within the refugee-serving sector beyond a temporary basis.

refugees' quality of life.

"It's important for anyone to have a place to live. These people have very small budgets to begin with, so they have to dip into other income," like their food or federal child benefits, she said.

Chahal stressed the need for discussions about how to better manage housing in Manitoba. She asks anyone who wants to help to donate money on the Welcome Place website.

Manitoba Housing has yet to respond to Metro's request for comment.



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Winnipeg walks in solidarity

DIVERSITY

Mosque killings and travel ban top of mind at rights march

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Hundreds of Winnipeggers gathered at The Forks on Saturday in support of peace, diversity and inclusion.

The Winnipeg Walk for Human Rights, spearheaded by Mayor Brian Bowman, followed the shootings in Quebec City and Donald Trump's travel ban.

Bowman said it's now more important than ever that the city comes together as a community.

"You may feel, at times, a sense of powerlessness when you watch events occurring in the world," he told the crowd at The Forks Market.

"This is absolutely incredible, and it really speaks to the power that you all have to mobilize and support the things that we're all talking about here today."

"While others are building walls, we're going to keep, as a community, building bridges within our community and beyond our borders."

Dan Vandal, MP for St. Boniface-St. Vital, read, in English and French, the names of the six men killed at a Quebec City mosque on Sunday: Abdelkrim Hassane, Khaled Belkacemi, Aboubaker Thabti, Azzedine Soufiane, Mamadou Tanou Barry and Ibrahima Barry.

"Today, we walk for these innocent victims, but we also walk for peace," he said. "We will walk for human rights. We will walk for our humanity. But most of all, we will walk to love one another."

After the walk, which circled the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Bowman stressed the importance of spreading positivity in a time of hate.

"Today was just a simple act



A young demonstrator holds up a sign championing diversity during a march at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights on Saturday. DANIELLE DOIRON/FOR METRO

of solidarity, and I hope it's an empowering message for those that are here and are walking," he told reporters.

Bowman invites people to denounce hate and discrimination using the #MakelAwkward hashtag on social media. He also announced that the Canadian Museum for Human Rights would offer free entry for the rest of the day.

A Friday night rally called on Bowman to declare Winnipeg a sanctuary city. While Bowman's office initially said there were no plans to seek sanctuary status, he said on Saturday it's something he's looking into.



The march circled the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.
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Premier Brian Pallister, Mayor Brian Bowman and MP Dan Vandal prepare to lead the march. DANIELLE DOIRON/FOR METRO

INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Teaching the lessons of Standing Rock, now and in the future

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto group wants to make sure lessons learned at Standing Rock are kept alive north of the border and transferred to younger generations.

Using the syllabus created by the New York Standing Rock

Collective, members of local Indigenous communities, educators and other social activists have formed reading groups to study the issue.

More than 80 people will meet Monday night at the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), the second such meeting since November. Participants will share ideas on how to transform the



Although these events took place in the United States, we want people here to know that we should all care. Sandi Wemigwase

syllabus into teaching materials and interpret events in Standing Rock for younger students.

"Although these events took place in the United States, we

want people here to know that we should all care," said Sandi Wemigwase, one of the event organizers.

North Dakota's Standing Rock

Sioux tribe and their supporters protested the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline for months and in December the U.S. government stopped its construction. But U.S. President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to revive the project.

Proponents of the pipeline say it will create thousands of jobs and generate millions of dollars in economic benefit.

The Standing Rock Syllabus contains historical knowledge about Standing Rock territory, a timeline of the U.S. colonialism, and lessons about community organizing among Indigenous people.

It also contains detailed information about police and state violence, and explores issues of gender and sexuality as well as the politics of solidarity.

Faces of Winnipeg by David Lipnowski

Pictured on the day she became a Canadian Citizen, Bilisa Shune's journey to celebrating her new citizenship has been long and tumultuous. Originally from Ethiopia, she spent 5 years in exile living in Kenya. Her father was imprisoned by government forces for supporting the wrong side, and as a result of this their home was demolished. Bilisa feels fortunate to be living in Canada, having escaped a country that tortures people who have not committed any crime. She was in fact born while her father was still in prison. The Canadian government sponsored her immigration. Bilisa landed in Ottawa, moved to Hamilton and ended up in Winnipeg following her engagement to her now husband.

Faces of Winnipeg This is a weekly Metro series appearing in every Monday's edition. In 2013, local photographer David Lipnowski launched his art project, A Portrait a Day, in which he captured everyday Winnipeggers on the city's streets. You could say this series is an extension of that exhibit.



A Dog's Purpose clip is 'misleading'

ANIMALS

Watchdog defends movie after PETA's calls for boycott

Video that appeared to show a frightened German shepherd being forced to swim during filming of *A Dog's Purpose* was misleading, according to the watchdog organization that certifies that "no animals were harmed" during TV and movie shoots.

American Humane says in a news release that an independent, third-party investigation into the filming which took place in Winnipeg in 2015, determined the video was "deliberately edited for the purpose of misleading the public and stoking outrage."

The minute-long clip showed a trainer trying to put a resistant German shepherd named Hercules into a turbulent pool and the dog scrambling out.

A subsequent scene showed the dog becoming submerged in the water for several seconds as trainers shout "Stop!"

American Humane says the investigation confirmed prelimin-

ary findings that the two scenes shown in the edited video were filmed at different times and that the first scene was stopped after the dog showed signs of stress.

It says the dog was not forced to swim in the water at any time.

"The dog was selected for his love of the water, and had been professionally trained and conditioned for the water scenes over the course of six weeks, using positive training techniques," the news release from American Humane states.

"During the last scene, handlers immediately assisted the dog out of the water, at which point he was placed in a warming tent and received an examination that found no signs of stress. Eyewitnesses report that the dog wanted to go back in the water. Still, out of an abundance of caution, American Humane stopped filming of any more scenes with the dog."

The video surfaced Jan. 18 on TMZ.com and quickly went

viral. At the time TMZ did not reveal where it obtained the video from.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals called for a boycott of *A Dog's Purpose*, which opened in theatres on Jan. 27.

Dennis Quaid, who stars in the movie, went on TV's "Entertainment Tonight" and called the leaked video "a scam."

The American Humane news release says the investigation was conducted by a respected animal cruelty expert. The organization questioned the motivation and ethics of releasing the video more than 15 months after it was shot, and only days before the movie opening.

It said it believes that the handling of the dog in the first scene in the video should have been gentler and signs of stress recognized earlier. However, it said that this was recognized and the scene did not proceed as insinuated by the video.

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'It's about acceptance'

TELEVISION

Winnipeg-born animator talks award nomination



Danielle Doiron
For Metro | Winnipeg

Ken Cuperus is an animator, writer and producer, but Winnipeg comedy fans might know him better as a member of The Brave New Weasels troupe. Now, the former Manitoban is the creator and executive producer of *The Stanley Dynamic*, a family sitcom he says is akin to *Family Ties* or *Family Matters*. The twist? Luke, one of the kids in the family, is a cartoon character.

Metro spoke to Cuperus, who now calls Toronto home, about blending live-action with animation and his Canadian Screen Award nomination. Answers have been edited for clarity and length.

What inspired the concept and the format for *The Stanley Dynamic*?

I think it was my career trajectory that kind of inspired it in the first place. I worked in animation first, so I knew a lot about animation. Once I learned all about sitcoms and stuff, it was just kind of combining the two.

What challenges does Luke



Ken Cuperus, a Winnipeg-born animator, created the award-nominated YTV show *The Stanley Dynamic*. CONTRIBUTED

face as an animated character in a live-action world?

I think it's about acceptance. We live in a society where, you know, the traditional family is actually anything. It's not mom, dad and two kids anymore. My own family, we have a biological son and an adopted Chinese daughter. Looking at

other families on our street, there are some very unique families, and we live in an age where that's kind of normal.

We really play Luke as a normal kid. He never gets bullied. Despite the fact that he's the only animated character we've ever seen in this world, nobody even really reacts to that. He's

just considered one of the gang.

That was important to me going in. It's not *Alf* or something where this character kind of arrives and is part of the family.

He was born into the family. He has a biological twin brother. He just happened to come out as a cartoon.

How does it feel to receive a Canadian Screen Award nomination for Best Writing in a Children's Series for *The Stanley Dynamic*?

It's really tough to get nominations, especially for some of the kid stuff. Because there's an animated character, it tends to fall into children's categories

more often than not. It's great. I'm really excited about that.

I actually would have preferred to see the show or some of the actors nominated above myself, but we'll take what we can get.

What can people expect from the second season of *The Stanley Dynamic*?

The biggest thing they can expect is more Luke. In Season 1, we were just trying to figure out how to make it work with an animated character. We kind of underused the character, because we weren't sure how expensive it would be. In Season 2, we solved a lot of those problems and have a lot of stories where Luke kind of takes the lead, including the first episode. We have some really cool guest stars, including Alan Thicke. It may be one of if not his final performance. We're looking forward to airing that.

What is your advice for people looking to break out into even one of the fields you've worked in?

I guess my biggest thing would just be to keep at it. It took me 10 years to achieve even the beginnings of where I kind of wanted to end up. More than anything, I think it's just staying the course, believing that eventually you're going to be able to get there. Understand that it's a marathon, not a 100-yard dash.

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Halifax student compiles @Trump_Regrets

A Nova Scotia university student who has been collecting tweets of disillusioned Donald Trump voters has attracted quite a celebrity following, including billionaires, Hollywood personalities and sworn Trump-nemesis Rosie O'Donnell.

Reality show investors Mark Cuban and Chris Sacca, actress Olivia Wilde and Chaz Bono are

also amongst 193,000 Twitter users following @Trump_Regrets.

Erica Baguma, a 23-year-old social anthropology student at University of King's College in Halifax, curates the account in between classes. The Twitter feed features posts from Americans



Erica Baguma
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who say they cast their ballots for Trump but now feel "ashamed," "embarrassed" and "disappointed" with the new president, some calling their vote "the biggest regret" of their life.

The idea came to Baguma while scrolling

'No to violence' and 'no to hate'

MOSQUE ATTACK

March held in Quebec City to remember the victims

One week after six of their own were gunned down in a deadly attack, worshippers from a Quebec City mosque led hundreds of residents on a march to promote unity and tolerance on Sunday.

After a six-kilometre walk under snowy skies, mosque president Mohamed Yangui read a message he said was written by the family of the victims.

"My brothers and sisters, you are our family," it began. "Thank you to our community who came from Montreal, from Sherbrooke, from Ottawa in Ontario and elsewhere."

The message went on to thank Quebec City officials and first responders as well as Quebecers and Canadians for their sympathy and support in the week



Hundreds of Quebec City residents marched on Sunday, a week after the mosque shooting. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

since the massacre.

The march began at Laval University, where one of the victims taught, and made its way down one of the city's main streets to Quebec's legislature.

The crowd grew as the march progressed, as people from the sidewalks linked arms with the marchers and joined in chanting slogans such as "All Canadians!"

All Quebecers!" and "No to violence, no to hate."

Ali Dahan, a former diplomat, said he was marching in memory of his friend Azzedine Soufiane, who was among the six men gunned down during evening prayers the week before.

"He was so kind and he was interesting, everything that was peace and love," THE CANADIAN PRESS

ROB STEWART

Friends remember Toronto filmmaker who died on dive

A Toronto filmmaker who was found dead days after he went missing while diving off the coast of Florida is being remembered by his sister as a community-builder who brought about global change.

Rob Stewart's body was found in the Florida Keys Friday, 90 metres from where he disappeared during a dive on earlier in the week. His remains were found after an extensive search, for which nearly \$200,000 was raised.

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Travellers touch down in U.S. as restrictions lifted

IMMIGRATION

Visa and green card holders from affected countries arrive

Travellers from the seven predominantly Muslim countries targeted by U.S. President Donald Trump enjoyed tearful reunions with loved ones in the U.S. on Sunday after a federal judge swept the ban aside.

Airlines around the world allowed people to board flights as usual to the United States. One lawyer waiting at New York's Kennedy Airport said visa and green-card holders from Iraq and Iran were encountering no problems as they arrived.

"It's business as usual," said Camille Mackler, of the New York Immigration Coalition.

Fariba Tajrostami, a 32-year-old painter from Iran, came through the gate at Kennedy with a huge

smile and tears in her eyes as her brothers greeted her.

"I'm very happy. I haven't seen my brothers for nine years," she said. Tajrostami had tried to fly to the U.S. from Turkey over a week ago but was turned away.

"I was crying and was so disappointed," she said. "Everything I had in mind, what I was going to do... I thought it was all over."

Tajrostami said she hopes to study art in the U.S. and plans to join her husband in Dallas soon.

Mahsa Azabadi, 29, an Iranian-American who lives in Denver, was forced to put her wedding plans on hold after her fiance, Sorena Behzadfar, was turned away. Over the weekend, though, Behzadfar was cleared for travel.

"It's been a really tough week to figure out what will happen to us," said Azabadi, who has lived in the U.S. for 11 years and is now a U.S. citizen.

"Seeing the support from the lawyers and different people trying to help, it was really nice," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mohamed Iye holds his daughter Nimo, 4, as he was reunited with wife Saido Ahmed Abdille and their other daughter Nafiso, 2, at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport after they arrived from Amsterdam on Sunday. The Somali-American family was reunited after U.S. President Donald Trump's travel ban came under a legal challenge. JERRY HOLT/STAR TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. President Donald Trump lashed out against U.S. District Judge James Robart on Sunday for putting the ban on hold. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; AFP/UNITED STATES COURTS

White House expects courts to reinstate ban

Rebuffed in its bid for a quick reversal, the White House said Sunday it expected the courts to reaffirm U.S. President Donald Trump's executive power and reinstate a ban on refugees and travellers from seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States.

The case promised to extend into Monday at least, when fresh legal filings were due, and observers had no doubt the Supreme Court ultimately will have a say.

Members of Trump's Republican Party scolded him for Twitter attacks on U.S. District Court Judge James Robart, appointed by president George W. Bush, and accused Trump of stepping over the line that separates the executive from the judiciary. To Trump, Robart is a "so-called judge" whose

"ridiculous" ruling "will be overturned."

Trump renewed his Twitter attacks against Robart on Sunday. "Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!" He followed with another tweet saying he had instructed the Homeland Security Department to check people coming into the country but that "the courts are making the job very difficult!"

In his ruling, Robart said it was not the court's job to "create policy or judge the wisdom of any particular policy promoted by the other two branches," but to make sure that an action taken by the government "comports with our country's laws."

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Global digest

FRANCE

Far-right French candidate calls election 'choice of civilization'

French far-right candidate Marine Le Pen blasted the "two totalitarianisms" of globalization and Islamic fundamentalism Sunday in a speech formally launching her presidential campaign that hit all the right chords for her National Front party followers.

"We do not want to live under the rule or threat of Islamic fundamentalism. They are looking to impose on us gender discrimination in public places, full body veils or not, prayer rooms in the workplace, prayers in the streets, huge mosques... or the submission of women," she said.

TURKEY

Turkish police detain over 440 people

Turkey's anti-terrorism police have detained over 440 people for alleged links to Daesh, the state-run news agency reported Sunday.

The Anadolu Agency said 60 suspects, the vast majority of them foreigners, were taken into custody early Sunday in Ankara. It said a total of 445 people were detained in simultaneous pre-dawn police operations that spanned several cities, including Istanbul and Gaziantep, near the border with Syria.

IRAN

Iran says shipment will boost its supply of uranium

Iran's nuclear chief says it will have 60 per cent more stockpiled uranium than it did prior to the landmark 2015 agreement with world powers after a shipment expected later this week.

Under the nuclear accord, Iran's import of uranium is supervised by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

EGYPT

Islamic authority rejects move to reform divorce

Egypt's top Islamic authority on Sunday rejected President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's suggestion that legislation be adopted to invalidate the practice of Muslim men verbally divorcing their wives.

It marked a rare instance of a public institution contradicting the president. Muslim women in Egypt cannot verbally divorce their husbands but can apply for divorce in a court of law.

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Suspect in Louvre attack stays silent

FRANCE

Family of suspect says he didn't have 'political views'

An Egyptian man suspected of charging soldiers at Paris' Louvre museum with a machete was questioned by French investigators Sunday for the first time since the attack.

The Paris prosecutor's office said the suspect, who allegedly shouted "Allahu akbar!" while rushing toward the soldiers and was shot four times after slightly injuring one, remained silent during the interview and will remain in custody.

The Louvre was closed immediately following the Friday attack but reopened for the weekend.

French authorities so far have not named the suspect but confirmed they thought he was Egyptian. They are being more cautious than their Egyptian counterparts, who identified the attacker as 28-year-old Abdullah Reda Refaei al-Hamahmy.

Hamahmy's father spoke out Saturday to say that his son is not a terrorist, but a family man who led a normal life with his wife and infant son. Reda Refaei al-Hamahmy said late Saturday that he trusts the French judi-



A French soldier patrols the courtyard of the Louvre on Saturday. KAMIL ZHNIKOLU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ciary to find out the truth behind his son's alleged involvement.

"He is a very respectable man who never had a problem with anybody, he never had any sort of political views," the father said at the family home in the Nile Delta city of Mansoura.

"His main concern in his life was his work in the United Arab Emirates," he said, adding that his son had gone to France on a "work assignment."

Abdullah has lived in Dubai

for the past five years, employed by what his father said was a law firm.

Ibrahim Youssry, a close friend of Abdullah al-Hamahmy, said his behaviour on the day of the attack did not betray any intention to commit an act of violence.

"Before the attack, he commented on one of our friends' pictures on Instagram and liked some (other) pictures. He also called his father and asked him what to bring for him from

France. All this contradicts the French story," said Youssry.

Two Egyptian officials said Sunday that local security agencies were continuing to gather information on Abdullah al-Hamahmy to help establish if he was a member of any militant groups or had been radicalized.

"His tweets show a radicalized person. He supports the Daesh and other extremists in Syria," said the official.

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ROMANIA

Law repealed after massive protests

The largest anti-government crowds since the violent 1989 revolution that toppled dictator Nicolae Ceausescu succeeded Sunday in pressuring Romania's new government to repeal a hastily adopted decree that would have eased penalties for official corruption.

The law, opposed by the influential Romanian Orthodox Church, would have weakened the country's emerging anti-corruption effort, which has begun to make progress against a ruling culture accustomed to acting with impunity.

The government backed down Sunday following six days of street protests but plans to introduce another version of the law in Parliament, where it would be debated and possibly passed.

The late-night introduction last week of an emergency ordinance to turn a blind eye toward abuse in office by officials if the amount involved was less than about \$48,500 provoked a light-

ning response from Romania's civil society.

Nightly throngs in Bucharest and other major cities pit angry citizens who believe a modern, pro-European Romania must not condone corruption in high places against a moneyed elite that stands to benefit, if the law eventually passes.

"We want all people to be equal before the law, and no privileges for the people in Parliament," said retired engineer Profira Popa, protesting in crowded Victory Square. "This government is organized from

the high level to the low like a mafia."

Opponents see it as legitimizing criminal activity — if it's done by people with influence.

"The law protects a layer of ex-Communist politicians who kept stealing for years," said software engineer Dorin Popa. "The rule of law is kind of working, so the only thing they can do is change the law." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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They think the Romanian people are fools.

Dorin Popa

AFGHANISTAN

Avalanches kill at least 54

Avalanches in Afghanistan have killed at least 54 people in the last three days, officials said Sunday.

Omer Mohammadi, spokesperson for the Afghan state minister for disaster management and humani-

tarian affairs, said that more than 50 others have been injured in different parts of the country, updating an earlier toll.

He said more than 150 homes have been destroyed by the avalanches.

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Dear Ellen,
After living on the East Coast for a number of years, I moved back to Toronto, a few hours from my parents' home, and have been able to visit more often on holidays and birthdays. I don't own a car, so I need to rent one and take a day off work to make the trip. For the first few years I was happy to do it, but as I've taken on more responsibility at work and gotten involved in the community, it's more difficult to find the time or energy. My parents, meanwhile, haven't visited me since I moved back, even though they're retired and have visited family near me, and know they're welcome. This past Christmas, I didn't go home, and explained why, but they're still complaining about it. Ellen, at what point does the responsibility of visiting no longer fall solely on the child? At what point does it become the responsibility of the parents and the child to both make an effort?

Calvin, Toronto

Dear Calvin,
Your logic is infallible vis-à-vis asking for a fair division of labour when it comes to reciprocal family visits.

Unfortunately, the rules of neither logic nor fairness apply to parent-child relationships. You and your folks could argue till the cows come home about whether you should come

The only relevant question is what kind of relationship you want with them going forward.



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home, too. But until scientists feel it's safe to stop irrefutably proving climate change, and start working on an algorithm for "number of diapers changed back in the day" versus "filial time owing now," the people who raised you are going to have the moral high ground in this and virtually every other point of contention.

In short, unless or until you have a family of your own to claim you on family holidays, I suspect your parents will persist in the crazy notion that, since they raised you, with all the attendant joys and sorrows that entailed, the least you

can is drag your sorry, ungrateful a— home on major holidays.

So let go of the argument. It's not a matter of who's right, or whose responsibility it is to make the trip. The only relevant question is what kind of relationship you want with them going forward.

If you feel OK about your decision to skip holidays at their home, relax and let them gripe. You've explained your position and whether they accept or understand it or not, at least you have respectfully made the terms clear.

And if you feel guilty or

angry to a degree that is interfering with your own enjoyment of staying put, because you know they are terribly hurt or upset by your absence, then you might want to go home for your own sake, and sanity.

What you must not do, under any circumstances, is drag your sorry a— home in a welter of grudging resentment. Poisoning the atmosphere with passive-aggressive misery will ruin it for everyone, which is very bad manners indeed.

**Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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VICKY MOCHAMA



We need to deepen our understanding of the lives of black Muslims

In the aftermath of the attack on the Centre Culturel Islamique Québec, we must understand how racism overlaps with religious intolerance. All six of the murdered men in Quebec came from North Africa, yet the popular imagining of Muslims doesn't often include African and black Muslims. It also often doesn't include Asian and white Muslims. (In the last decade and a half especially, this exclusion of other races within Islam has created a dangerous stereotype.)

While I believe the national commitment to assisting refugees is entirely worthy, I can't help but notice that the images and stories we often see of the global refugee crisis is of Syrian refugees being assisted by Canadians. Meanwhile, the images of refugees in camps and on boats include a vast number of black refugees.

In fact, according to the Canadian Border Services agency, the number of overland border crossings made by asylum seekers has gone up from 4,407 in 2015 to 7,022 in 2016. At the Emerson crossing in Manitoba, a majority are originally from Somalia — one of the seven countries on President Donald Trump's executive order. The order only further puts Somali and black Muslims in danger.

The outpouring of affection and attention towards the nation's Muslims will be matched by Islamophobic attacks. It's an incredibly unfair burden — to be grieving, yet on the defence. For black Muslims, this burden has been

borne for a long time.

Alleviating the burden is what inspired Lali Mohamed, a non-profit professional, to set up an evening for black Muslims to gather this past Saturday in Toronto. "Muslims don't ever get a space to just grieve," he says. "Whenever our lives are taken, we have to prepare for Islamophobia."

For black Muslims, especially, he says it's an ongoing condition. The first time he set up a similar event was in response to the death of Abdi-rahman Abdi, a Somali man, after a confrontation with Ottawa police.

For Mohamed and many others in Canada, Islamophobia often intersects with anti-black racism. Says Mohamed, "Black Muslims are constantly in mourning — grieving for the loss of life for our community members or we are mourning and grieving the way this country has relegated us to the margins."

Flattening complex groups with their own histories into a singular image is one of the ways that race is constructed. To be black and Muslim then is to be a member of two groups at the margins. It is also to find your community rendered invisible when it most needs to be seen.

While community advocates like Mohamed create safe spaces for their own to mourn and commune, it is essential that we deepen our understanding of the lives of black Muslims.

Refugees Welcome must not end up meaning: Well, Not Those Refugees.





No strings attached.

Lady Gaga carries Super Bowl halftime on her own but avoids political statement



KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga dropped from the top of Houston's NRG Stadium to open her halftime show and dropped the mic at the end, offering a program that delivered high-energy hits and an inclusive theme.

With the nation on edge politically, the NFL had little taste for a show that would ruffle feathers, as Beyoncé did in some

circles last year with the Black Power messaging of "Formation." Gaga was patriotic from the start, opening with snippets of "God Bless America" and "This Land is Your Land" with red and blue lights twinkling above her, before guide wires delivered her to the stage below.

Gaga included her hit "Born This Way," which became a gay

rights anthem, but that fit into a theme of accepting differences that was a thread through much of the game's commercial messaging. Unlike some predecessors, who often brought in several guest stars to bolster their acts, Gaga handled it herself and was praised for it on social media.

Meanwhile, one Super Bowl

commercial did generate controversy online: Budweiser's ad featuring the story of its immigrant co-founder grabbed attention Sunday, with some calling for a boycott on the beer brand for being "political."

Many others were quick to defend the ad and poke fun at the absurdity of the #boycottbudweiser attempt.

The ad chronicles the story of Adolphus Busch's journey in the 1850s from Germany to the U.S., where locals tell him he should "go back home" and that he doesn't "look like you're from around here." The 60-second spot was pre-released last week, just days after President Trump's order temporarily banning refugees and nearly all citizens from

seven Muslim-majority countries.

Still, Budweiser vice-president Richard Marques acknowledged it would be "foolish" to think the current political environment isn't fuelling attention for the ad. Marques added that Budweiser as a beer brand is inherently bipartisan.

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Beware of RRSP season myths

RETIREMENT

**First thing to
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Gail
Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Each year when RRSP season rolls around we are inundated with articles and advertising: why you should have one and how best to use them to save for the future.

And yet there are some myths that still manage to hold ground. Perhaps the biggest myth of all is that an RRSP is an investment.

I ask, "So what did you invest in this year?"

They say, "An RRSP."

I smile, "It's great that you put your money into an RRSP, but what investment did you choose?"

They, with quizzical looks on their faces, "What do you mean, I bought an RRSP. That's what I invested in."

Okay, here we go again: An RRSP is NOT an investment. It's a plan registration. Putting the RRSP plan number on the paperwork signals the Tax Man to keep his sticky paws off your money, at least until you decide to pull it out again.

Imagine that you have a ball, a box and an umbrella. The ball is your money. The box is the investment you're putting your money in. It could be a savings account. It could be a GIC. It could be a mutual fund, or individual stock or bond.

Okay, you've put the ball in the box. Now slide the box under the umbrella. There ya go —



Gail Vaz-Oxlade describes an RRSP as placing a ball (your money) into a box (the type of investment you select) and sliding it under an umbrella to protect it. iSTOCK

you've just put the money into an RRSP.

The problem for most people is that they rush to contribute to an RRSP before they've decided how they'll invest their money. So they put the ball under the umbrella first. Then later, they choose the box that best fits their ball.

What's important to remember is that until you choose a box, no money has been invested. While the money is under the umbrella, it's registered, but until you put that ball in a box, it's just sitting there earning not a red cent in return. You've saved it. But now you have to put those savings to work.

If you think that you have to be over the age of 18 to contribute to an RRSP, you've fallen prey to the second very popular myth. This misunderstanding comes about because TFSAs have an age restriction: You have to be 18 to put money in a TFS.

Even if there's little point in a kid claiming the RRSP deduction because the child owes little or no tax, the benefits of contributing to an RRSP makes the exercise worthwhile.

First there's the magic of compounding return. Second, since their RRSP tax deduction can be carried forward indefinitely, when she does start working full time, she'll have deductions she can use to offset the tax on her income.

That's a win/win.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com



JOHANNA SCHNELLE WHAT I'M WATCHING

A charming comic team

THE SHOW: *The Santa Clarita Diet*, Season 1, Episode 5 (Netflix)

THE MOMENT: The selfishness question

"You seem a little manic, honey," Sheila (Drew Barrymore) says to her husband Joel (Timothy Olyphant), who's typing away on a laptop.

They're sprightly real estate agents in the bedroom community of Santa Clarita, CA. Sheila is especially sprightly because a recent virus turned her into a powerful zombie.

"Well, I feel really manic," Joel replies. "There could be a cure. Don't you want to be cured?"

"Of course," Sheila says. "Although I do like the way I feel. I have endless energy, I get so much done."

"You eat people," he says.

"I know," she says. "But I'm so much more confident now. Our sex is incredible, and I can parallel park in one move."

"But you do want to be cured, right?" he repeats.

"Totally," she says. "Mostly."

All zombie stories are parables about consumption. The

metaphor in this one is pretty good: People who are consumed with themselves can excuse all manner of selfishness as long as it makes them "better."

The seesaw bounce here from cutesy to gross-out is a bit obvious for me, but Barrymore and Olyphant are a charming comic team. I'll stick around for the next five half-hours to see where we land.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



The importance of a really good map

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Mark Richardson, geomatics analyst specializing in cartography, Environment Canada, Ottawa.

When I was in high school, through a co-op program, I worked with some geologists who were studying meteorite impacts. I got early taste for using survey tools and seeing technology used to create 3D maps. It sparked an interest in me.

I went to Carleton University and specialized in geographic information services. I learned how to use the tools like GPS, understanding geographic concept — everything you'd learn in a geography degree. I also learned topographic principles and principles of displaying spatial information in meaningful ways — everything you need to know to know how to make a map.

I currently work with the wildlife service of Environment and Climate Change Canada. My job is to make it easy for policy makers to understand how what they're doing might affect the geography and local wildlife. For example, I might map where caribou migration intersects with proposed pipelines or prepare information for documents, such as mapping out protected areas or species that are in recovery zones.

I also have a night job where I create maps for board and role-playing games, and maps that would appear in novels and books. I really do love the challenge of trying to explain something complicated in a way that's visual and cohesive, which people may otherwise not understand. The best part of my jobs is getting exposed to interesting information and, of course, making maps.



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HOW TO START

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WHERE YOU CAN GO

Cartography jobs are common in big cities, but since all levels of government use mappers, there are jobs across the country. There are also plenty of opportunities in the private sector. With such a high premium on geo-tracking (mapping how things move about) right now, it's not uncommon to see positions with research marketing firms and tech companies. Resource-based companies, like mining or oil manufacturers, also regularly hire cartographers to help plan their operations. Finally research often makes use of mapping, so universities will often employ map-makers.

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An epic comeback

SUPER BOWL LI

Pats overcome 25-point deficit to capture fifth NFL title

Tom Brady led one of the greatest comebacks in sports, let alone Super Bowl history, lifting New England from a 25-point hole to the Patriots' fifth NFL championship in the game's first overtime finish.

The Patriots scored 19 points in the final quarter, including a pair of two-point conversions, then marched relentlessly to James White's two-yard touchdown run in overtime beating the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 Sunday night.

Brady, the first quarterback with five Super Bowl rings, guided the Patriots (17-2) through a tiring Atlanta defence for fourth-quarter touchdowns on a six-yard pass to Danny Amendola and a one-yard run by White, which came with 57 seconds remaining in regulation. White ran for the first two-pointer and Amendola did the deed with a reception on the second.

Brady finished 43-for-62, the most attempts in Super Bowl history, for 466 yards and two touchdowns.

"You know, we all brought each other back," said Brady, who was named Super Bowl MVP for the fourth time. "We never felt out of it. It was a tough battle. They have a great



Tom Brady and the Patriots celebrate after scoring the championship-winning touchdown. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

team. I give them a lot of credit. We just made a few more plays than them."

Before the stunning rally — New England already held the biggest comeback in the final period when it turned around a 10-point deficit to beat Seattle two years ago — the Falcons (13-6) appeared poised to take their first NFL championship in 51 seasons. Having never been in

SUNDAY In Houston



such a pressurized environment, their previously staunch pass rush disappeared, and Brady tore them apart.

"Deflategate" far behind them, Brady and Bill Belichick won their 25th post-season game, by far a record. It's hard to imagine a tenser victory.

Belichick became the first coach with five Super Bowl crowns.

The Patriots won the coin toss for overtime and it was no contest. Brady completed six passes. A pass interference call took the ball to the 2, and White scooted to his right and barely over the goal-line.

His teammates streamed off the sideline to engulf White as confetti streamed down from the NRG Stadium rafters.

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DAVIS CUP

Canada defaults after ump hit in eye

Denis Shapovalov says that he's ashamed and embarrassed for his actions that caused a Canadian defeat at the Davis Cup.

The 17-year-old saw his Davis Cup action come to an abrupt end Sunday when he hit the umpire with an errant ball.

Shapovalov was automatically defaulted under tennis rules, allowing Britain's Kyle Edmund to earn an easy 6-3, 6-4, 2-1 victory and 3-2 series win. Britain advances to the Davis Cup World Group quarter-finals as the winner of the tie.

Shapovalov of Richmond Hill was remorseful and emotional while addressing the media.

"Obviously this is unacceptable behaviour from me," Shapovalov said. "I just feel awful for letting my team down, for letting my country down, for acting a way that I would never want to act."

"I can promise that's the last time I will do anything like that."

The crowd of 7,497 at TD Place was stunned when Shapovalov, who had just been broken by Edmund and was disappointed with a shot, took a ball out of his pocket and hit it in frustration. Umpire Arnaud Gabas of France had swelling and bruising under his left eye and was taken to Ottawa General Hospital for a precautionary evaluation.

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SPEEDSKATING

St-Gelais captures two more medals



Marianne St-Gelais won gold and bronze medals on Sunday in Dresden, Germany.

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Canadian speedskater Marianne St-Gelais capped her weekend at a short-track World Cup event with two medals on Sunday, including gold in the women's 500-metre final.

St-Gelais of Saint-Felicien, Que., who also won gold in the women's 1,000 on Saturday, led Sunday's 500-metre race from start to finish. She earned her second medal of the day by helping Canada's 3,000-metre relay team to bronze.

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IN BRIEF

Raptors' Lowry battles way to triple-double, victory

Kyle Lowry played through illness and injury to finish with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his ninth career triple-double, and the Toronto Raptors beat the Brooklyn Nets 103-95 on Sunday.

Already dealing with a flu, Lowry needed four stitches after cutting his right forearm on a camera mounted to the basket stanchion.

The Raptors won for just the third time in 11 games.

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Garcia goes wire to wire at Dubai Desert Classic

Sergio Garcia shot a final-round 3-under-par 69 to win the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday after holding the tournament lead since the opening round.

The Spaniard, who had never posted a top-10 finish in his previous seven Desert Classic appearances, finished on a 19-under 269, three strokes ahead of Open champion and top-ranked European Henrik Stenson (69).

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PGA TOUR

Matsuyama repeats at Phoenix Open

Hideki Matsuyama was the last man standing at golf's biggest party — again.

Matsuyama won the Waste Management Phoenix Open on the fourth hole of a playoff for the second straight year, outlasting Webb Simpson on Sunday at TPC Scottsdale.

Matsuyama won with a 10-foot birdie putt on the short par-4 17th, the same hole where the 24-year-old Japanese star finished off Rickie Fowler a year ago.



Hideki Matsuyama
GETTY IMAGES

"I just had faith and believed that my chance would come again, and I just waited and waited, had patience," Matsuyama said. "Finally, that last one went in."

Simpson birdied three of the last four for a 64, the best round of the day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Sweet Apple Chicken Curry



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The sweetness of the apples in this hearty chicken curry are the foil its heat.

Ready in 20 minutes

Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 cup basmati rice
- 2 chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1-2 tsp curry powder or paste
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 2/3 cup of coconut milk
- 2/3 cup of chicken stock
- 1 large apple, peeled and sliced into thin wedges
- 1 cup of frozen peas
- 1/4 cup of plain yogurt

Directions

1. Prepare rice according to package instructions.
2. Brown the chicken in a bit of vegetable oil in large skillet. Add the onions and cook for about 5 more minutes. Then add the garlic and the curry and cook for another minute.
3. Add the coconut milk, chicken stock and soy and stir together.
4. Add the apple pieces and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the peas and allow them to warm through. Check to see that the chicken has cooked through.
5. Serve the curry over rice and top it with a bit of yogurt.

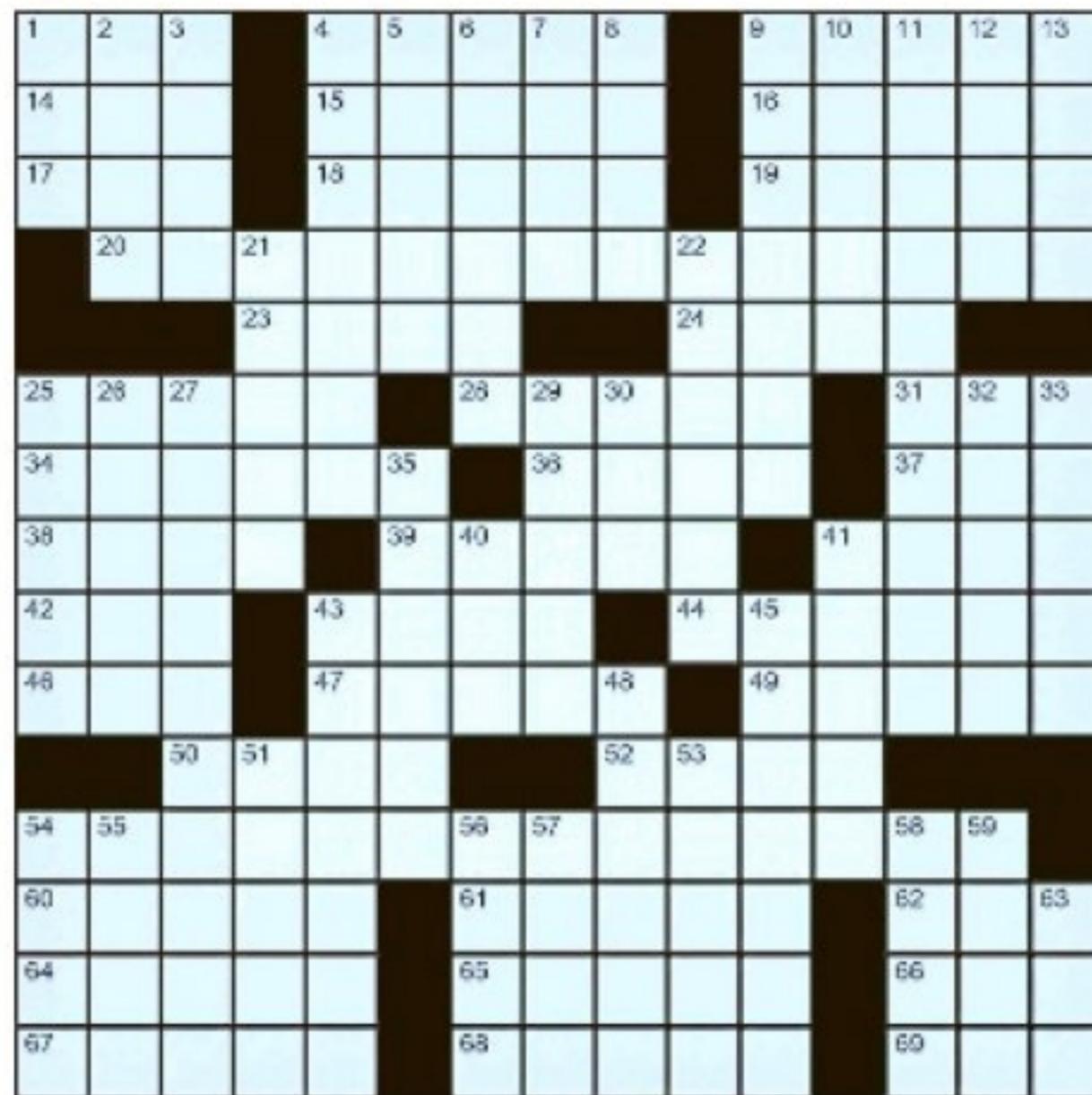
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*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you're full of bright, genius ideas because you can think outside the box. Write them down so that you can ponder them later.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Keep an eye on your money scene, because something unexpected could affect your finances and earnings. Be vigilant; do not shoot from the hip.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Make sure you know what you want to do today, because you are a bit impulsive. At the same time, you're also a bit indecisive. Yikes! That's a bad combo. Tread carefully.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you feel restless and mildly indecisive. Don't worry, because late in the day, the Moon will move into your sign and you will know what you want to do. Be patient.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A female friend might surprise you today by saying or doing something that catches you off guard. Nevertheless, you will be entertained! (Oh yes.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Relationships with a boss or parent will hold a few surprises for you today. Don't hold someone to what he or she impulsively says. Don't quit your day job. Wait until the dust settles.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Travel plans will be interrupted today by silly circumstances and delays. Let the chips fall where they may, and then decide what to do afterward.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a poor day to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property. Nevertheless, something unexpected will call your attention to these matters.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Partners and close friends are unpredictable today. This means you have to just take it easy and go with the flow. By evening, you will know which way the wind is blowing.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your work routine will be interrupted today with numerous matters that occur out of the blue. Don't overreact. Everything will settle down by the end of the day.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, so this means you must be vigilant. Meanwhile, social activities might change or be cancelled.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Something at home is not reliable today. A female family member might be upset. Just bide your time, because by evening, all is well.



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